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WINTER HAVEN – The Winter Haven Police Department is proud to announce the Oath of Office Ceremony for Chief Charlie Bird will be held Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the Department's Community Room. (125 N. Lake Silver Dr., NW, Winter Haven FL. 33881) The community is invited to attend the ceremony.

At the same time, Captain David Brannan will be promoted to Deputy Chief, a position that was frozen in 2008 due to budgetary constraints. The addition of a Deputy Chief in the command structure will enhance the quality of service to the citizens of Winter Haven and streamline the functionality of the Department. Additional changes and promotions will be announced at a later date.

Chief Bird, who was appointed Acting Chief of Police in September 2014 when the seat was vacated by Gary Hester, was appointed to the permanent position by City Manager Deric Feacher on January 5, 2015. In his first action regarding Department structure, Bird is reinstating the Deputy Chief's position.

"The position of Deputy Chief is key to the command structure as our Department moves forward," said Chief Bird. "I have complete confidence in David's leadership skills and his ability to ensure consistency within the Department."

Brannan has served as a Captain at the Department since October 2007. He started his career at Winter Haven on December 12, 1992 rising through the ranks as a K-9 officer and serving on the Emergency Response Team, as a Detective and as a member in the Narcotics Division. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the Uniform Services Bureau (Patrol) in July 2004 ultimately being promoted to Captain in 2007. As Captain, he has commanded the Uniform Services, Investigative Services and Support Services Bureaus.

Light refreshments will be served directly following the ceremony.